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For: DOOR LATCHING SYSTEM

Group No.: 3677

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. 1.

STATUS

Applicant is other than a small entity. 2.

EXTENSION OF TERM

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 3. apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for one month:

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No additional fee for claims is required.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 19, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 19, 2004, Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time, and amends the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendment Dated September 20, Reply to Office Action dated May 19, 2004

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